

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE received on 2/21/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18,20,42 and 43.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Adeel Akhtar on April 25, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

The following claims have been amended:

9. (Currently Amended by the examiner) A computer-readable storage medium having stored therein one or more sequences of instructions for synchronizing media files for a mixed-media file presentation, the one or more sequences of instructions causing one or more processors to perform a number of acts, said acts comprising:

receiving a streaming media file;

receiving a static media file;

receiving a plurality of transcript files that include text associated with the streaming media file, wherein the text of each transcript file is in a different language;

associating the static media file with a time marker and the streaming media file in an output file;

associating each transcript file with a time marker and the streaming media file in the output file; and

after associating, providing the output file to a mixed-media presentation system together with an indication of a selected language, wherein the mixed-media presentation system accesses the output file to dynamically synchronize the static media file and at least one of the transcript files that includes text in the selected language with the streaming media file while presenting the mixed-media presentation on a display device.

10. (Currently Amended by the examiner) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, the acts further comprising receiving an input that designates a point in the streaming media file to which the static media file is to be synchronized.

11. (Currently Amended by the examiner) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, wherein the time marker indicates a quantity of time that has elapsed.

12. (Currently Amended by the examiner) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein the quantity of time is measured between a first point in time, relating to when the streaming media file started playing, and a second point in time, relating to when a user input was received.

13. (Currently Amended by the examiner) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, the acts further comprising displaying the streaming media file synchronized with one or more static media files based upon one or more associations in the output file.

14. (Currently Amended by the examiner) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, wherein the streaming media file is selected from the group consisting of video data files and audio data files.

15. (Currently Amended by the examiner) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, the acts further comprising producing a streaming output from the streaming media file, wherein the streaming output is selected from the group consisting of streaming video and streaming audio.

16. (Currently Amended by the examiner) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, wherein the static media file is selected from the group consisting of graphic data files, text data files, and non-streaming animation files.

43. (Currently Amended by the examiner) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 9, wherein each transcript file includes subtitles in a different language, the subtitles being associated with the streaming media file.

Claims 21, 23, 31-41, and 44-46 have been cancelled by the examiner.

Claims 1-8, 17, 18, 20, and 42 remain as previously presented by the applicant in the RCE filed on February 21, 2006.

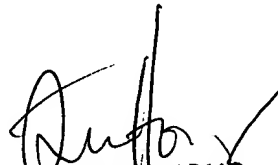
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joshua D. Campbell whose telephone number is (571) 272-4133. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30 AM - 4:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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